

California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force

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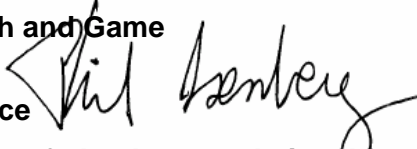
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Subject: MLPA Initiative deliverables on federal-state relationships
and coordination among state agencies

Date: November 28, 2006

The final deliverable of the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) is attached. In addition, attached is a proposed executive order to help the state achieve the final deliverable of the memorandum of understanding that created the MLPA Initiative.

Improving Coordination among State and Federal Agencies with MPA Responsibilities provides both an extensive analysis of the state and federal agencies with MPA responsibilities and recommendations for improving coordination and collaboration among those agencies.

The *Draft Recommended Executive Order by the Governor of the State of California* includes ten steps to further implementation of the MLPA and the role of the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC) in coordinating MPA activities among state agencies. The recommendations for OPC action build upon the OPC's adopted strategic plan.

These two documents were presented in draft form at the September 6, 2006 meeting of the BRTF where task force members and members of the public made suggestions for improvement. Both documents were then posted to the MLPA website for further public review. The revised documents were discussed at the BRTF meeting on November 20 and public comments again invited.

By a unanimous vote of the six BRTF members present at the meeting, the two documents were accepted and approved for transmittal as the final deliverables of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative Blue Ribbon Task Force.

It has been a pleasure to work on this important effort to help the state implement the Marine Life Protection Act. We are honored to have been selected by you to serve on this task force, and wish you the best for future efforts along California's coast.